## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-52 (Cancelled)

- 53. (New) A database and data processing system for finding a disease-influencing gene among individuals having a risk factor for a disease, the database and data processing system comprising:
  - a) a server for storing queries regarding the individuals' behavior, symptoms,
    environment and disease progression and for storing the individuals' responses
    to the queries;
  - b) at least one remotely programmable apparatus identified with each individual in communication with the server, wherein the remotely programmable apparatus comprises:
    - a user interface for communicating the queries to the individuals and for receiving the responses; and
    - a communication means for receiving the queries from the server and for transmitting the responses to the server;
  - c) a data mining means in communication with the server, wherein the data mining means includes:
    - means for analyzing the responses in order to group individuals having a similar symptom, behavioral and environmental profile, and a similar disease progression; and

- ii) means for analyzing the responses in order to group individuals having a similar genotype.
- 54. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the queries are script-based and are adjustable to each individual.
- 55. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the queries to the individual are adjusted with a script generator based upon the responses received from an individual.
- 56. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the queries collect phenotypic information associated with known genetic markers.
- 57. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the communications apparatus is connectable with a monitoring device configured to acquire physiological data.
- 58. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the monitoring device is selected from the group consisting of a blood glucose meter, a respiratory flow meter, a blood pressure cuff, a weight scale and a pulse meter.
- 59. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of non-insulin dependent diabetes, sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, asthma, malignant melanoma, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, colon cancer and obesity.

- 60. (New) A database and data processing system for use in finding a disease-influencing substance among individuals having a risk factor for a disease, the database and data processing system comprising:
  - a) a server for storing queries regarding the individuals' behavior, symptoms
    environment and disease progression and for storing the individuals' responses
    to the queries;
  - b) at least one remotely programmable apparatus identified with each individual in communication with the server, wherein the remotely programmable apparatus comprises:
    - a user interface for communicating the queries to the individuals and for receiving the responses; and
    - ii) a communication means for receiving the queries from the server and for transmitting the responses to the server;
  - c) a data mining means in communication with the server, wherein the data mining means includes:
    - i) means for analyzing the responses in order to group individuals having a similar symptom, behavioral and environmental profile, and a similar disease progression; and
    - ii) means for identifying the disease influencing substance.
- 61. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the queries are script-based and are adjustable to each individual.

- 62. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the queries to the individual are adjusted with a script generator based upon the responses received from an individual.
- 63. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the queries collect phenotypic information associated with known genetic markers.
- 64. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the communications apparatus is connectable with a monitoring device configured to acquire physiological data.
- 65. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein the monitoring device is selected from the group consisting of a blood glucose meter, a respiratory flow meter, a blood pressure cuff, a weight scale and a pulse meter.
- 66. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of non-insulin dependent diabetes, sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, asthma, malignant melanoma, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, colon cancer and obesity.
- 67. (New) A database and data processing system for finding a disease-influencing gene among individuals having a risk factor for a disease, the database and data processing system comprising:
  - a) a server for storing queries regarding the individuals' behavior, symptoms,
    environment and disease progression and for storing the individuals' responses
    to the queries;

- b) at least one remotely programmable apparatus identified with each individual in communication with the server, wherein the remotely programmable apparatus comprises:
  - a user interface for communicating the queries to the individuals and for receiving the responses; and
  - ii) a communication device for receiving the queries from the server and for transmitting the responses to the server;
- c) a computer program accessible to the server, wherein the computer program analyzes the responses to the queries and groups the individuals having similar symptom, behavioral, and environmental profiles; similar disease progression; and similar genotypes.
- 68. (New) A database and data processing system for finding a disease-influencing substance among individuals having a risk factor for a disease, the database and data processing system comprising:
  - a) a server for storing queries regarding the individuals' behavior, symptoms,
    environment and disease progression and for storing the individuals' responses
    to the queries;
  - at least one remotely programmable apparatus identified with each individual in communication with the server, wherein the remotely programmable apparatus comprises:
    - i) a user interface for communicating the queries to the individuals and for receiving the responses; and

- ii) a communication device for receiving the queries from the server and for transmitting the responses to the server;
- a computer program accessible to the server, wherein the computer program analyzes the responses to the queries and groups the individuals having similar symptom, behavioral, and environmental profiles; similar disease progression; and similar genotypes.